

Great Stone Face Book Award Nominees 2004-2005

Bauer, Joan

Stand Tall

Size matters, but six-foot-three seventh grader Tree needs convincing. This book is packed with memorable characters and humor. It's also about Tree's giant heart, not his height.

Britton, Susan McGee

Treekeepers

Bird discovers that she is the one prophesied to unclasp an enchanted locket containing the last seed of the sacred Thalasse-producing tree, the Tree That Speaks. But as soon as Bird opens the locket, the powerful Rendarren takes action. The successful delivery of the seed to its rightful place – wherever that might be – depends entirely on Bird's determination, cleverness, and courage.

Child, Lauren

Utterly Me, Clarice Bean

Clarice Bean and Betty Moody plan to do their school project about schoolgirl detective Ruby Redfort. When Betty disappears, Clarice must become like her hero.

Codell, Esme Raji

Sahara Special

There are two files on Sahara Jones. The one that the school counselor keeps is evidence that she's a fifth grader who needs special education. The other is the book Sahara is secretly writing, her *Heart-Wrenching Life Story and Amazing Adventures*. The latest chapter in her book unfolds when her mother insists that she be taken out of special ed. So, Sahara is facing fifth grade in the regular classroom, again.

Collins Suzanne

Gregor the Overlander

When Gregor falls through a grate in his apartment building, he hurtles into the dark Underland, where spiders, rats, and cockroaches coexist uneasily with humans. This world is on the brink of war and Gregor's arrival is no accident.

Creech, Sharon

Granny Torrelli Makes Soup

This is a novel about love, life, and friendship.

Downer, Ann

Hatching Magic

When a pet dragon disappears through a magic hole in time, the wizard Gideon follows and finds himself transported from the comforts of medieval England to the terrifyingly modern world of Cambridge, Massachusetts, in the 21st century.

DuPrau, Jeanne

City of Ember

Built as an underground refuge for the human race, the city of Ember begins to deteriorate as its lights start to flicker. When Lina finds part of an ancient message, she's sure it holds a secret that will save the city. She and her friend Doon must decipher the message before the lights go out on Ember forever.

Durbin, William

Blackwater Ben

This book describes the adventures of a teen spending the winter working in the kitchen of a logging camp in 1898.

Ellis, Sarah

The Several Lives of Orphan Jack

This is a story about a boy who runs away from an orphanage to become a peddler of ideas.

Green, Michelle Y.

*A Strong Right Arm: The Story of Mamie
"Peanut" Johnson*

Fueled by her passion for the game and by the inspiration of Jackie Robinson, Mamie Johnson is determined to be a professional baseball pitcher. From the time she insists on trying out for the all-male, all-white Police Athletic League team until she becomes only one of three women to play in the Negro Leagues, Mamie Johnson's life shows that courage, and a fierce curveball, can make a childhood dream come true.

Hobb, Will

Jackie's Wild Seattle

When their physician parents volunteer in Pakistan in the wake of September 11th, 14-year-old Shannon and her younger brother, Codey, head for Seattle. In Seattle, they're met by a mysterious uncle and get a chance to test their courage as wildlife rescuers.

Hunter, Erin

Into the Wild

This first book in a new fantasy series describes four powerful clans of warrior cats that coexist in uneasy harmony in the forest. An ordinary house cat named Rusty stumbles into grave danger when he becomes ThunderClan's newest apprentice.

Kehret, Peg

Escaping the Great Wave

On the Oregon coast with his family, a perfect vacation becomes a nightmare for 13-year-old Kyle when an earthquake hits. Somehow, Kyle and his sister must outwit nature's fury and save themselves from a tsunami.

Marciano, John Bemelmens *Harold's Tail*

When he loses his tail fur, a Manhattan squirrel named Harold is mistaken for a rat.

Mass, Wendy

Mango Shaped Space

Thirteen-year-old Mia Winchell has a secret: sounds, numbers, and words appear to her in color. Mia has synesthesia, the mingling of perceptions whereby a person sees sounds or tastes shapes.

O'Connor, Barbara

Fame and Glory in Freedom, Georgia

All her life, Bird has wanted to be noticed in her small town and to get to Disney World. In this funny novel, Bird discovers that sometimes all it takes to feel famous is a little recognition from true friends.

Philbrick, Rodman

The Young Man and the Sea

This is a story about a determined boy who refuses to give up, despite overwhelming odds. Skiff Beaman makes a choice to take on the world -- but can he possibly beat the odds and win?

Said, S. F.

Varjak Paw

A Mesopotamian Blue cat, Varjak Paw, has never been outside of the house he and his family live in. When he's forced from his home out into the city by the sinister Gentleman and his two menacing cats, Varjak must overcome challenges and save his family.

Strickland, Brad*The Whistle, the Grave, and the Ghost*

While Lewis is on a camping trip with his Scout troop, he finds an old grave and a mysterious whistle. When Lewis discovers the whistle has the power to stop the boys who bully him, he must make a tough decision.

Stroud, Jonathan*The Amulet of Samarkand*

When Nathaniel, a young magician's apprentice, is humiliated by a hotshot wizard, he summons a not-so-tame djinni, Bartimaeus, to steal the Amulet of Samarkand.

Swallow, Pamela Curtis*It Only Looks Easy*

On the first day of seventh grade, Kat's dog is struck by a car.

Talbot, Hudson*Safari Journal*

Twelve-year-old Carey Monroe experiences an African safari in Kenya among the Maasi people.

Vande Velde, Vivian*Wizard at Work*

The old wizard wants a vacation, but what he gets is laugh-out-loud trouble in this wise and witty tale.

Van Draanen, Wendelin*Swear to Howdy*

This is a book about what it means to be a true friend.